

Celebration of Life for

Anna Mari Jones

SEPTEMBER 17, 1948 - OCTOBER 27, 2023



Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

3:30 PM • FRIDAY • DECEMBER 15, 2023



Celebration of Life

Prelude

Troy Fisher

Processional

"Both Sides Now" by Judy Collins

*Welcome and
Lighting the Chalice*

Rev. Mary Gear

Reading

"Science of Death" by Hannah Lynn Demerson

Musical Interlude

"Song to Inanna" by Lisa Thiel

A Life Remembered

Aaron Hobbs, son

Hannah Lynn Demerson, sister

Aaron Hobbs, son

Loretta Sylvestre, friend (read by Rev. Mary)



Musical Interlude

"Roots" by Seed

A Time for Sharing

Rev. Mary Gear

Images of a Life Remembered

*Lovingly compiled by Anna's sister,
Hannah Lynn Demerson*

*Closing Words and
Extinguishing the Chalice*

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

"Song to the Grandmothers" by Lisa Thiel

**Everyone is invited to the columbarium
to commit Anna's ashes.**



Obituary:

Anna Mari Jones finished the walk of her life on October 27th, 2023. Passing at the age of 75 from early onset dementia, Anna is survived by her sister Hannah Lynn Demerson, cousin George Hepworth, and son Aaron Hobbs.

Anna was a rich and complex person who championed the values of love and kindness, compassion, spirituality, and being of service to those in need. She was an avid reader and owned thousands of books, one day hoping to have a library that would benefit anyone who learned from it. She worked for the Department of Natural Resources in Olympia for a decade at the end of her career.

Her last 4 years were spent with her son, who was honored to care for her, and regular visits from friends and family. As a son it was a pleasure to see her laugh and smile and enjoy life in a way I had never seen her when the full weight of the world was on her mind. It was healing for us both and I only wish I had had more time to spend with her. Her passing was fairly quick when the time came, seeming to suffer very little.

Anna's family would like to thank everyone who knew her, cared for her, or spent time with her. She could be quite a private person but was thrilled to be part of the Unitarian Universalist community and spoke fondly of the people, community, and learning she experienced there.

As with all of us, life was not entirely kind to Anna, but she always strived to be kind to others. She is of pioneer stock and grew up in the mountains of Wyoming and the plains of Ohio and Indiana before living the rest of her life in California and Washington states. As a staunch pacifist and ally to the underdog, she found a calling in the anti war, civil rights, and women's rights movements. These values were thankfully absorbed by her son and echoed in her family members.

Anna is survived by her son Aaron Hobbs, her sister Hannah Lynn Demerson, brother in law Charles Demerson, and nieces Spirit and Rainy. Her sister in law Deborah Simpson and niece and nephew Olivia and Greg, and grandnephews Zev and Oz, as well as many cousins and relations in Wyoming.

Anna's memorial will be at the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation on December 15th 2023 at 3:30 pm. Any who feel a calling to be there are welcome. There will be a ceremony of perhaps an hour followed by music and very light refreshment. Once again, thank you for any kindness you may have shared with her over the years. She loved to see others smile and be healthy.

